

## Projects

DR. R. PAULIAN has written that for the last four years, the Institute for Scientific Research of Madagascar has been slowly building up a general collection of the local insect fauna. Coleoptera make up a prominent part of this collection, filling 190 large sized insect boxes. Types of 145 local species and many paratypes are represented in the collection. Much of the material has been identified by specialists, such as Drs. Strohecker, Guignot, Vrydagh, Bechyne,

Jarrige, R. Jeannel, C. Koch, etc. A number of important papers have been published in 1953. Dr. Jeannel (*Mem. Inst. Scient. Madag.*, E IV, p. 139-344, 200 figs.) gives a taxonomic revision of the Pselaphidae from Madagascar describing 69 genera of which 26 are new and 163 species with 86 new species. A fairly important number of new species of Carabidae, Scolytidae, Cleridae, Helodidae, Alleculidae, Seraptiidae, Malacodernata, etc., are described in recent numbers of the *Mem. Ins. Scient. Madag.*

(H. F. Howden)

## NOTICES

Wants, exchanges, and requests for information, but not advertisements for the sale of specimens and equipment, will be published here provided it pertains to beetles. This service is free. Notices will be published as space permits. Paid advertisements will be accepted.

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CHRYSOMELIDAE, CERAMBYCIDAE: Exchange. Offer Asian, Pacific Coleoptera in various groups; particularly desire Cryptocephalinae, Hispinae, Disteniinae of world. J. L. Gressitt, Bishop Museum, Honolulu 17, Hawaii.

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INDIAN COLEOPTERA: Offering for sale South Indian beetles of all families. All specimens with correct data. P. Susai Nathan, Naturalist, Kurumbagaram, P. O., via Karikal, Tanjore District, South India. (Adv.)

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CHILEAN COLEOPTERA: Offering for sale beetles from Chile at 5 to 20 cents each in series of 10 to 20 of each species. Write for available material. Tomas Cekalovic K., Casilla 214, Punta Arenas, Magallanes, Chile. (Adv.)

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PRIONINAE: Wanted, information on check list and literature of world species of subfamily Prioninae. Will buy specimens or literature. E. W. MANGE, Box 6, Hanover, Pa.

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RHIPIPHORIDAE: Specimens of the following genera, and other desired for study for preparation of Ph.D. thesis: *Setosicornia* Pic, *Trigonodera* Dej., *Ancholaemus* Gerst., *Rhipiphorus* Bosq, *Rhipidius* Thunb., *Pelecotomoides* Cast., *Euctenia* Gerst, *Evanicera* Guer., *Metoecus* Gerst., *Aporrhipis* Pasc. MIREYA MANFRINI, Department of Zoology of the Miquel Lillo Institute, Miguel Lillo 205, Tucuman, Argentina.

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COLEOPTERA OF NORTH CHILE, PERU & BOLIVIA: On expedition to these areas to collect topotypes of insects collected in 1937 by Dr. Titenack that were destroyed during the last war. LUIS R. PENA, Casilla 2984, Santiago, Chile.

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